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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME OF INVENTOR	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	1	3,677,443	7/72	Smadar Yechiel et al.			
	2	6,098,849	8/00	McInnes			
	3	5,492,249	2/96	Beach			
	4	5,150,820	9/92	McGill			
	5	4,685,597	8/87	Hirao et al.			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	6	97/42096	11/97	WO			

## OTHER DOCUMENTS

	7	European Search Report on Application No. EP 03 25 7429 dated April 26, 2004
	8	Journal of Food Engineering, 33 (1997), pp. 221-226

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